

The Park's Fall Parade.

A BRAVE SIGHT ON FINE DAYS
THAT IT IS WORTH WHILE TO SEE.

Central Park has waked up. The fall parade is on. A wonderful parade it is, too, one which year by year grows bigger and better, for the reason probably, that every year more people ride and drive.

Twenty years ago, for instance, a woman driving her own trap in Central Park was

Said a traveler the other day: "You may journey far and wide before seeing a more interesting park parade than this."

Just now the Park parade teaches a lot of things. First of all, society, for the most part, is home again and its equipages and horses are more imposing than ever. Then there are many hints at new styles



OUT WITH HER INSTRUCTOR.

An unusual sight. To-day, even little girls drive. This year's parade is the best yet. The policemen who guard the main thorough-

in these equipages and in riding and driving togs. You can see, too, that there is a time to ride and a time to drive for the man or woman—particularly the woman—who wants to be thought in the swim.

For this last reason the parade presents different features morning and afternoon. The smart woman who drives her own horse and operates her own "bubble" (bubble is the latest word for automobile), does so in the morning. In the afternoon she must lean back and look the picture of incoherence, screened by the broad backs of a coachman and footman. Men who own their own horses may drive them whenever they please.

From 2 o'clock to 3 on an afternoon, and Saturday mornings are the particular times which fashion accords to the children. And it is really astonishing how many children are included in this year's parade—tiny girls of 7 and 8 handling the reins over a pony with the air of a veteran; boys of the same age sitting their mounts with the same intrepidity as the grown-ups.

According to an expert, this year's parade includes twice as many equestrians as it



THE SPIKE TEAM.

far as they show that they believe it by straightening their shoulders and throwing out their chests with a more important air than usual. Sightseers who find a seat commanding a good view prove it by forgetting sometimes

ever did before. Double the number of people are riding this year. "Everybody rides now," he asserted, meaning probably every one who could afford to spare the time and money that the exercise entails.



GOING TO THE SPEEDWAY.

for a whole morning or afternoon, as the case may be, to leave their posts. Even the squirrels hopping boldly along the



THE POPULAR WAY IS TO RIDE HATLESS.

very edges of the route, seem to chatter more excitedly as if asking each other why so many people are on the drives and the bridge paths and so few on the walks.

Equestrians, of course, are in evidence all day long, but the personnel of the line varies. Professional men almost invariably choose the early morning; business men the late afternoon; men of comparative leisure, a late hour of the morning. Woman riders of the fashionable set seldom appear in the Park before 10 A. M., although a few like Mrs. Philip Lydig, Miss Scott and Miss Benedict often get there an hour earlier. Few are seen in the bridge paths after 3 P. M.

"I suppose that is the most correct thing in a riding habit," remarked a woman on-looker who had secured an excellent post of observation one day last week, pointing to Mrs. Lydig, who was cantering by on a roan mare.

"Well it looks stylish," returned the onlooker's woman companion.

The habit in question was of black cloth and included a three-quarter coat, tight fitting, surmounted with a high white stock, a skirt which barely covered the foot, a small black derby and tan gloves.

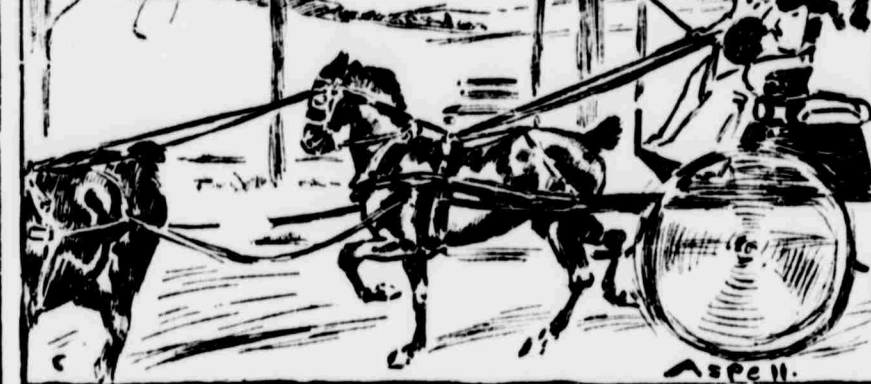
Unquestionably the most interesting feature of the parade just now is the high-steppers, and one of the most exciting, the tandem and spike teams, which are far more numerous than usual.

"This is an all day and every day Horse Show of the best kind," declared a Park habitué, as a spike team went smoothly by like one horse instead of three. "Now just look at those beauties. The horse in the lead is a trifle thicker than the two back of him, but notice how perfectly they are matched in size and action."

"W. K. Thorne drives one of the fastest spikes that goes through the Park unless it is Mr. J. H. Moore. His three bays always create a sensation. That tandem coming along belongs to W. L. Beadleston, who is driving and the man driving tandem to that high cart is Philip Kearney. Mr.

George Clark will be along soon with his tandem. Some people think it beats the other two."

The other day some excitement was caused during the parade by the appearance of a "French tub cart," a box-like affair with rounded corners which few had seen before. As a matter of fact, there are only three in this country, although they



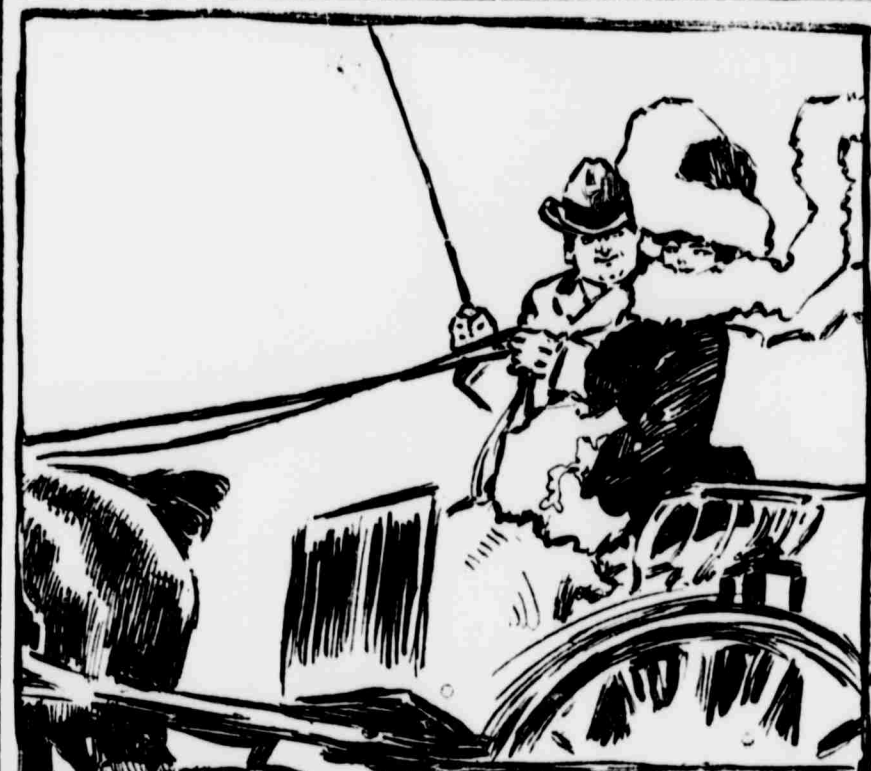
THE TANDEM.

were the rage in London last summer. Every one stared at the newfangled cart, in which was seated the owner, Senator Flynn of Pittsburg, who drove a pair of dark browns.

Almost behind the tub cart was the spider phaeton of Campbell Thomson, who, however, often appears in the parade driving a spike. Almost at his side was

In the parade, operated by fair chauffeurs, and they help to give variety to a spectacle of which one never tires.

A favorite vantage ground from which to view some of the horses and turnouts at close range is the Casino piazza, if it could be called such; the indoor annex, which is filled with cozy little tables and is easy to get at. Sooner or later one can



HIS WIFE'S IN EUROPE.

A. C. Burrage of Boston in a high cart behind a perfectly matched pair of chestnut trotters.

As a hearty-looking man, his eyes done up in goggles, appeared around a bend in a runabout driven by a fine pair of bays, he woman who had so keenly noticed the style in riding habits clutched her companion's arm.

"There goes Frank Work," she announced in a sibilant whisper. "He's 32 years old and drives every day no matter what the weather is, and never anything but the most spirited horses. His stable is one of the finest in New York."

A moment later with another preliminary gasp she pointed to an approaching pair of flyers driven by an unobtrusive-looking man in a gray suit.

"That's Mr. Nathan Straus," she whispered. "He's just built an enormous store you know, and he's awful good to the poor. It's worth while to come here and see people, isn't it?"

Needless to say the women drivers are the most attractive features in the Park parade, but some of them come in for a great deal of criticism. Miss Benedict, the daughter of E. C. Benedict, is called an irreproachable whip whether she is behind a single horse or a pair of a four-hand. She drives all three in the Park and her outfit is always



ONE OF THE GIRL WHIPS.

as irreproachable as her skill with the reins, though her costume are the simplest and plainest that can be desired.

Miss Rockefeller, the daughter of William Rockefeller, drives a pair of bays, a single or four and to a high phaeton which resembles the favorite turnout of Mrs. Richard Carman, who of late has been driving a fast pair of cobs. Miss Anna

Sands and Miss Kate Cary, the latter a sister of Hamilton Cary, are always eagerly pointed out by the habitués as among the most skilful whips in a parade, in which, passing as it does at the rate of dozens of traps and high-steppers a minute, it requires a practised eye to pick out the most deserving.

There are, of course, "bubbles" aplenty

PAUL KRUGER'S OWN STORY.

HIS PART IN THE BOER WAR
TOLD IN HIS MEMOIRS.

The "Ultimatum" Which Aroused British Resentment—On Paul's Own Story—His Journey Mid Flying Shells in Natal—When Dark Days Came.

"The Memoirs of Paul Kruger" will be issued this week by the Century Company. Here from advance sheets of the work is an extract giving Mr. Kruger's own story of the "Ultimatum" and the outbreak of hostilities between the Boer republics and England.

"The Government of the South African Republic clearly saw what the British Government wanted, that a collision was inevitable and that the British Government was only waiting to send its ultimatum until sufficient troops had arrived in South Africa to overwhelm the republic from every side. When it realized that a war was inevitable, how the republic's resources were strained and that its only chance lay in compelling the British Government to display its real intentions before all the British troops were landed, the Government of the South African Republic had recourse to extreme measures, and, on the 11th of October, sent a letter to the British Agent—the so-called ultimatum.

"In this document the Government once more set forth how England had not the slightest right to interfere in the internal affairs of the republic; how the republic had yet found occasion to discuss in a friendly fashion the franchise and the rep-



KRUGER AS HE WAS BEFORE 1865.

went straight on to Krugersdorp, there to encourage the burghers and attend a general council of war. It was on this occasion that the deeply lamented Col. de Villiers-Marsul received his promotion to General of the Foreign Legion.

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